

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the foregoing, all of the original claims have been canceled.

Claims 77-101 are new and these are the claims which applicants wish to be examined.

There is no new matter.

An action on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. E. Mueth", written in a cursive style.

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